(c) whether this Bill has been cleared by his Ministry; and

(d) by when this would be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) to (d) The 166th Report of the Law Commission on 'The Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill', which also contained a draft Bill on the subject as well as its main features, was laid on the Table of the House on 27.10.1999. The Report was examined in consultation with legal experts who have expressed their opinion that instead of enacting a separate legislation it would be appropriate if the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 is amended in such a way as to make it more deterrent. It was felt that it would be a better way to achieve the objective of rooting out corruption.

Cases of Government Staff pending in various High Courts

2608. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large number of cases related to service matter of central and State Government staff are pending in various High Courts for years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise;

(c) whether the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has recommended that these cases be taken away from High Courts and resolved in the permanent Lok Adalats;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Statement

Details of cases pending in various High Courts

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Pendency of cases related to Service Matters, including Central & State Government Staff	As on
1	2	3	4
1.	Allahabad	1,95,836	31/3/2002
2.	Andhra Pradesh	46,254	30/6/2002
3.	Bombay	10,538	30/9/2001
4.	Calcutta	1,15,264	31/3/2002
5.	Delhi	8,906	31/12/2000
6.	Gauhati	16,871	31/12/2000
7.	Gujarat	13,961	31/12/2000
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1,718	30/6/2002
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	20,894	30/6/2002
10.	Karnataka	626*	20/11/2002
11.	Kerala	13,140*	19/11/2002
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4338*	27/11/2002
13.	Madras	33,510	31/12/2001
14.	Orissa	42,462	31/3/2002
15.	Patna	14,467*	29/11/2002
16.	Punjab & Haryana	25,157	31/3/2002
17.	Rajasthan	23,125	31/3/2001
18.	Sikkim	35	31/3/2002
19.	Uttaranchal	N.A.	N.A.
20.	Jharkhand	N.A.	N.A.
21.	Chhattisgarh	N.A.	N.A.
	TOTAL:	**5,87,102**	

*Service matters relating to Central & State Government Staff.